## Declaration

Therens, natural disasters and emergencies are unpredictable and can cause unexpected damages that affect our quality of life;

Therens, Utahns can experience a wide variety of severe natural disasters including earthquakes, floods, wildfires, winter storms and avalanches because of the varying climate and terrain in our state;

Marrens, September is National Preparedness Month, a nationwide effort encouraging Americans to prepare their homes, businesses and schools for unexpected emergencies; and,

Murras, The Utah Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security, along with other state and local government agencies, organizations and businesses, recognize the importance for all Utahns to be ready for emergencies;

Now, Cherefore, I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare September 7-9, 2007, as